



Tiny radio station keeps music of masters alive

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Effigies more than burning issues to militant artists



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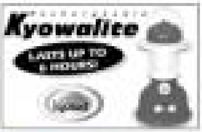
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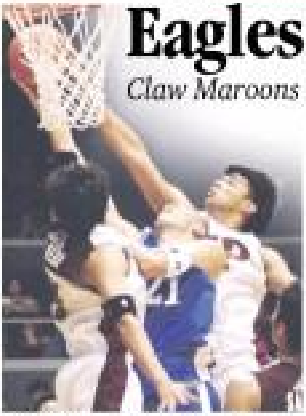
Palawan sees tourism boom with PAL flights



SPORTS

Eagles soar to 4th win in row

Claw Maroons despite losing key men to injuries; Warriors prevail









RP seeks improved ties with Egypt, New Zealand

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Brits land at Subic, Yanks in Mindanao

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UN urged to push land reform

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

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Rethink mining ruling, SC urged



S. Korea thanks cops for foiling abduction

De Villa, Abdon show way in Florida

Balfour, Homer fives in hot starts

Casas, other big guns set out to catch Santia



CASAS: ...

Eagles soar to 4th win

Durano saying top tourism post is his

Palace said to be wooing ex-Ayala exec

Hard-luck RP cagers bow to Hong Kong



By Roy Luarca

Tribu Sugbu five blasts Taguig

Aglipay, Chua: No apologies needed

BARE EYE



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The WORLD

Iraq hostage crisis deepens; Pakistanis feared kidnapped







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3 years after, Sept. 11 financiers still unknown

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Rebels seek int'l troops for Darfur crisis

Taiwan may ease controls on foreign workers

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Lotto winner donates $1.8-M ticket

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Death toll from pirate attacks hits record high

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OPINION

Deep and bold

EDITORIAL

NO more laundry lists. That, in sum, is what we want to hear from the President today.

President Macapagal-Arroyo takes pride in her ability to use her speeches to detail specific and measurable objectives. In her second State of the Nation Address, she even directed public attention to the fact: "I did something never done before: I detailed a long list of measurable targets that would show a government on the move, marking progress by resolute steps, despite the turbulent state of domestic and global affairs."

This theme on to-do lists may well be an expression of the President's economic turn of mind. Mindful of the limitations of government, she seeks to allocate scarce resources by listing her priorities.

But what do we do, what is the nation to think, when last year's set of priorities differ from this year's, when one speech's objectives are at variance with those of the previous one?

In her 2001 Sona, for instance, the President used the letters of children from Payatas, the Quezon City district that hosts the notorious dump, to sum up a four-point government program: jobs, education, housing and food on every table. (A year later she added a fifth point: peace.)

In her 2002 Sona, the President introduced her notion of a "strong republic." Building on an evocative metaphor suggested by Jose Rizal and appropriated by her father, President Diosdado Macapagal, Ms Arroyo described two "essential features" that mark a strong republic: "independence from class and sectoral interests so that it stands for the interests of the people rather than of a powerful minority" and "the capacity, represented through strong institutions and a strong bureaucracy, to execute good policy and deliver essential services."

Six months later, in her most memorable Rizal Day speech, Ms Arroyo declared she would not run for president in May 2004, instead devoting herself and "the last year and a half of my administration" to three overriding objectives: "strengthening the economy," "healing the deep divisions within our society" and "working for clean and honest elections in 2004."

When, in October 2003, she declared she was running after all, she pointed with alarm to the widening political divide, and invoked a fourfold future: "A future marked by a prosperous economy, a future where we would have defeated poverty, a future where our people enjoy true social equity and equal opportunity, a future where we can once again stand proud among the community of nations confident of what we have accomplished for ourselves and for our nation."

In her pre-inaugural address last June 30, the President spoke of leaving posterity with a "10-point legacy." She mixed and matched programs and good intentions: creating six million or even 10 million jobs; developing as many as three million hectares of agricultural land; providing a computer for every school; balancing the budget; completing the "transport and digital infrastructure;" providing power and water to all barangays; decongesting Metro Manila and decentralizing the government in the country; promoting the Subic-Clark corridor as a Southeast Asian service and logistics hub; pursuing automated elections; healing the divisions "generated by Edsa I, II and III."

We dread to think what five-step program or seven top priorities or 10-point agenda the President and her speechwriters have in store for us today. In itself, a to-do list is a powerful resource-management tool. But while certain themes run like a weak electric current through the President's key speeches, there is no central galvanizing idea. ("Strong republic" simply doesn't carry enough voltage.) And the items on the lists are not presented in any logical order; there is no progression from the earliest to the latest, from one list to the next.

We do realize that, because of the nature of the Sona, this central speech must necessarily be detailed, for it reports on the executive's performance and launches a legislative agenda. But the details must be animated by depth of candor and boldness of vision. Otherwise, we will all succumb to multiple-point speech fatigue.



Why go through Sona charade every year?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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State of the nation

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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House solons agree to realign pork

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivarez-Cunanan



OFWs: Our Angels of the Cross

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Carlos Isagani T. Zarate



Darfur: countdown to catastrophe

COMMENTARY

Stephen Ellis

What will stop the impending humanitarian catastrophe is swift action by the international community

Did De la Cruz deserve that media attention?

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Vice President Noli de Castro

Presidential prerogative a myth

LETTERS

Unverified information

Terrorism along the 'riles'

Burnham Lake problem solved

Where's cowardice in saving Angelo?

A wise decision

Now a pariah

Across the NATION

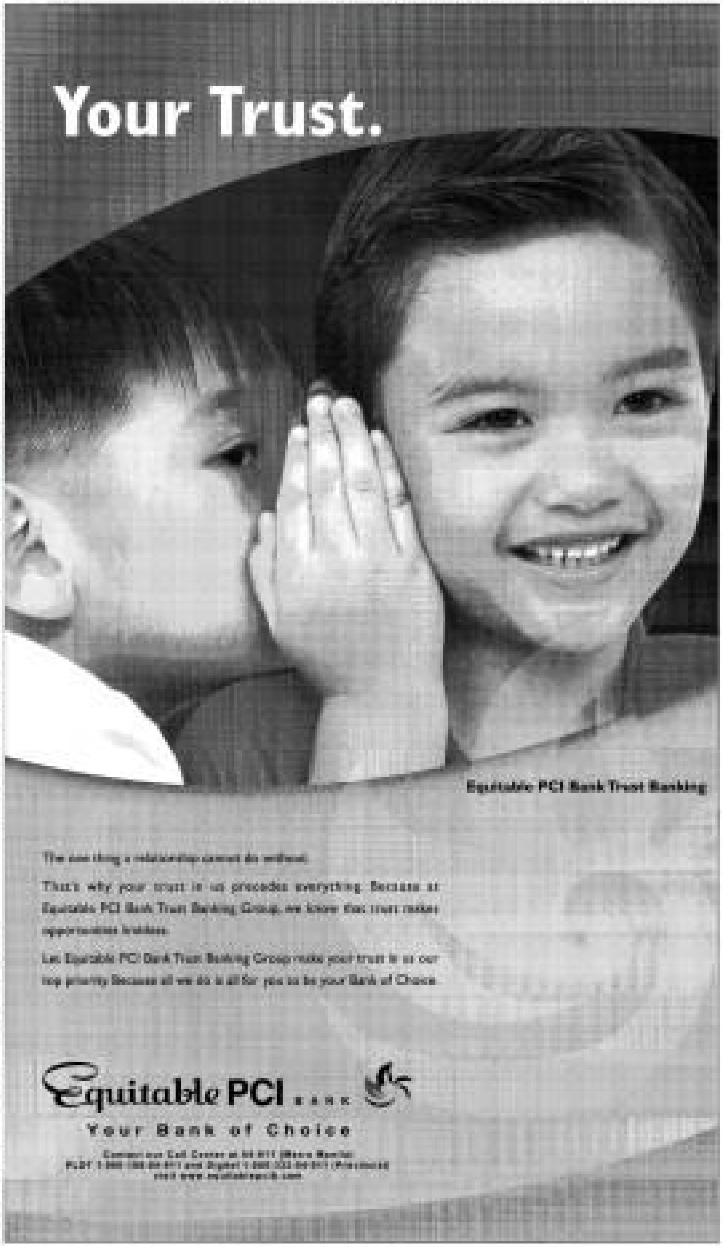
Vizcaya lumber smuggler gets life term

CARP land mess probe ordered

Prosecution recommended

Final say

Ex-solon dies



Relatives ask court to produce 2 captured suspected rebels



NO CLASS DAY



Army, 'rebels' clash in 'jueteng' den

Tiny radio station keeps music of masters alive

De Venecia may sleep well, for time being

Switching sides

'Cold war'

Minority bloc

13th Congress: Old wine in new bottle



Costly access

Brat pack

Jose Pidal

3 new districts

Australia blames RP, Spain for terror threat

Terror message

Encouraged



AN EIGHT-FOOT effigy of President Arroyo is readied by militant groups for today's ...

Senators to GMA: No to new taxes

Address corruption

Long-drawn-out debates

Drug dealers

Effigies more ...

PNP raises red alert for Sona today

Avoid violence

Early birds

Vigil at St. Peter

Advice to motorists



BETTER THAN DRUGS?

Cash unearthed from the rubble

Rerouting

Cigarettes kill more than drugs

Healthy life lost

Inaccurate information

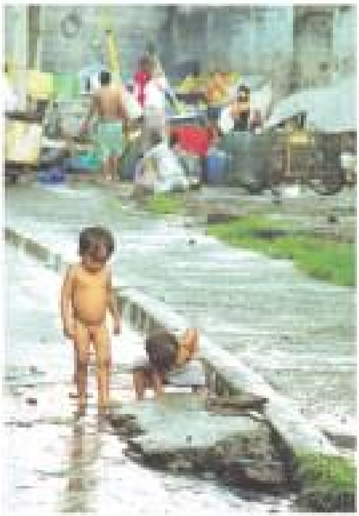
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METRO

150,000 vie for 6,000 S. Korea jobs

QC road to be given new image

Pink for pedestrians



A DIFFERENT BLESSING

Huge manpower pool

Employers' preference

Pasig far from lacking funds

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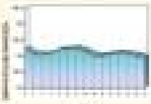
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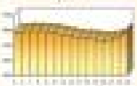
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Gov't sets probe of AFP-RSBS operations

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STOCK MARKET



Local Toyota unit plans exports to Israel

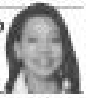


MILLENNIUM CHALLENGES

Transco to pursue $375-M plan

Hike in petroleum tariff seen ill-advised, untimely

Promoting call center investments in Mindanao



Phone dealers, repair shops told to register

Above the law

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

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Manny's guardian angel

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Cebuanos on the rise

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Heard through the grapevine

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Local Toyota unit . . .

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Sen. Pimentel's parliament

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES



Honesto C. General

'Atras-aVATe'

NO FREE LUNCH



Cielito F. Habito

Huge leakages

Wrong scapegoat

Improve it, not scrap it

BCDA seen earning P8.1B from Boni projects

By Riza ... Domingo

Telecom companies seen reporting huge 6-month profits

ELECTRONIC MARKET

SMC, SM to trade accounts payable

SEC says PSE can't buy back GSIS stake in bourse

BCDA seen . . .

Sona to set market . . .

No Free Lunch

ADB gives $1-M aid for transport systems in South

BIR adopts new technology to plug tax leaks



Gov't keeps inflation target for 2005 at 4-5%

Air Philippines sees ₱100M in earnings



BEEFING up its fleet to grab a bigger share of the market.

PRESCRIPTIONS

The ailing power industry

COMMENTARY

Supply-demand situation

Electricity rates

Huge subsidies

Epira, deregulation

Black hole

Demonized IPPs

Transco to pursue . . .

power shortfall was still the Leyte-Mindanao interconnection project as this would not entail as many years to design and build as a new power plant.

"Building two or three base-load plants would be more expensive than building one submarine cable, not to mention the environmental concerns as these would have to be charted, bunker or even coal-fired plants," he said.

Revenue-generating measures proposed

CALTEX FUND, PUGAD CENTER

Reaching out to migrant youth



PUGAD Center's "pugad" boys pedaling their pan de sal in Don Bosco's neighboring village

Livelihood

CORPORATE CITIZEN

Beginning

Home for the homeless

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LIFESTYLE



Filipino creative presence in Nantucket



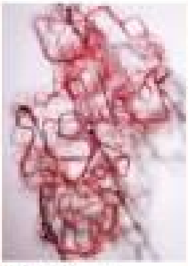
ALL ART

A tourist guide to the whaling island of Nantucket lists baskets made by an Ilocano as heritage treasures



Zamuco at West, Ocampo at Finale

VISUAL ARTS



“RED,” by Eric Zamuco





Four artists toast art and friendship

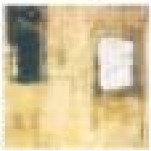
THERE are artists who have bonded for as long as their professional lives, finding rare pleasure in each other's company.

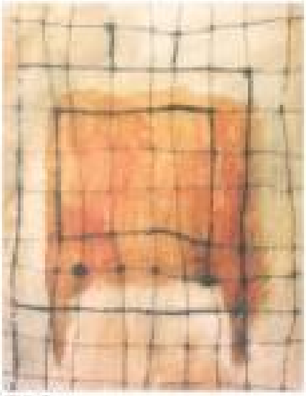




Art of the primitive







Social problems

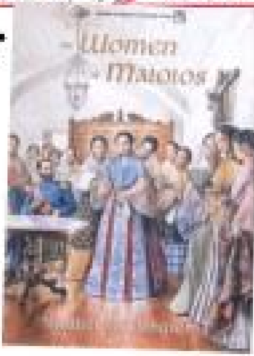
Natural creations

Environmental concern

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LIFESTYLE

Woman power 1889



Review

Request denied, granted

Old bridges are heritage, too

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon





> Either because of stupidity or greed, DPWH is destroying Spanish colonial bridges, which are artistic and engineering marvels

Filipino creative . . .

